(c) whether Government propose to make use of the Satellite on Doordarshan network in the country;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the manner in which Government propose to make use of the Satellite lying idle with the Space Commission ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI) : (a) to (e) The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has envisaged a concept of a dedicated satellite "GRAMSAT" that could be launched by ISRO's Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle (GSLV). The salient features of the satellite are its compatibility with GSLV and a configuration that would be suitable for transmitting signals for reception directly by augmented TV receivers and also for terrestrial rebroadcasting. The satellite could be used for eradicating illiteracy in rural areas and for rural development through audio visual education in health, hygiene, better agricultural practices, family planning etc., in the local language taking into consideration, local specific and culture specific requirements of each region. The proposal is yet to be considered by the Government.

Department of Space (DOS) has in parallel initiated necessary discussions with user agencies, such as, Ministries of Information and Broadcasting, Human Resources Development, Education, Rural Development, etc., to optimise the utility and usability of the satellite for the programmes and also to examine the development of infrastructure necessary before a GRAMSAT could be launched.

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12.00 NOON

## Homage to Oliver Tambo and Chris Hany, Leaders of African National Congress

MR. CHAIRMAN : Hon. Members, I have to make a reference from the Chair. This House notes with anguish the sad demise of Oliver Tambo and the dastardly assassination of Chris Hany, two towering personalities of the African National Congress. Oliver Tambo ably led the people of South Africa in their struggle against the racist regime during the long incarceration of Nelson Mandela. Chris Hany was the General Secretary of the Communist Party of South Africa which is a component of the South African people's struggle under the leadership of the African National Congress. This House pays homage to the departed leaders and wishes the people of South Africa success in their struggle against the apartheid regime, a struggle with which India has been associated since the days of Mahatma Gandhi.

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## Report and Accounts (1991-92) of the Paradeep Phosphates Limited, Bhubaneswar, and related papers

## PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : Sir, I lay on the Table—

I. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (1) of section 619A of the Companies Act, 1956 :—

(i) Tenth Annual Report and Accounts of the Paradeep Phosphates Limited, Bhubaneswar, for the year 1991-92, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.

(ii) Review by Government on the working of the above Company.

II. Statement (in English and Hindi) giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (I) above.